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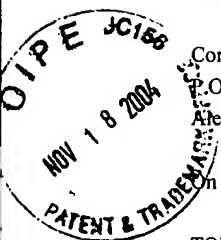
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In re application of:

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Application No.: 10/776,099

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STEM CELLS HAVING A SPECIFIED,
INTERMEDIATE STAGE OF
DEVELOPMENT

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Sir:

This Communication is responsive to an Office Action mailed on October 28, 2004 requesting an election of an invention. No additional fees are believed due. If a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

The Examiner reviewed method claims 1-6 and composition claims 11-14 and divided them into Groups I and II, respectively.

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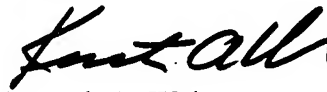
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Applicants elect **Group II, claims 11-14**. Applicants further traverse the restriction requirement on the basis set forth by the Examiner. Should the composition claims be found patentable, the corresponding method of making claims should be reconsidered to determine if they qualify for rejoinder.

Applicants note with appreciation the detailed explanation of claim rejoinder for product and process claims.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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